

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April marks the start of the spring digging season for homeowners, landscapers, and construction companies; and

WHEREAS, failure to locate underground utilities before digging can result in unintentionally hitting underground lines or pipes – which happens more than 200,000 times annually, leading to penalties, repair costs, inconvenient outages, injury, or even death; and

WHEREAS, Washington's free 811 one-call service notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig; and

WHEREAS, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to mark approximate locations of underground lines, safely alerting the dig crew of the danger below; and

WHEREAS, all residents are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2010

Washington State Safe Digging Month

in Washington State, and I call upon government agencies, industry leaders, and consumer advocates to educate residents about state and federal laws to ensure the safety of our residents, homes, and businesses.

Signed this 19th day of March, 2010

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

